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C O N F I D E N T I A L/PA/AMB HODGSON SENDS

EMBASSY BELGRADE FOR AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN

1. (C) COMMEND APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN AS SPECIAL ENVOY ON I.L.O. AFFAIRS. PLEASED HE PLANS CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES OF INTEREST. DISTURBED NO PLANS EXIST FOR ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS IN JAPAN.

2. (C) REASONS ARE:

A. OUR REPEATED COMMITMENTS TO GOJ TO ENGAGE IN ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS INTEREST. CONSULTATION WITH OTHERS OMITTING JAPAN WILL BE NOTED WITH GREAT DISTASTE IN TOKYO.

B. JAPAN HAS GREAT INTEREST IN AND RECORD OF SUPPORT FOR I.L.O. ITS VIEWS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY WEIGHED IN DEVISING FUTURE COURSE FOR THE AGENCY. (SEE MY NOVEMBER LETTER TO BOB INGERSOLL ON THIS SUBJECT).

3. (C) STRONGLY URGE SILBERMAN FLY TO TOKYO IN EARLY FEBRUARY TO ENGAGE IN CONSULTATIONS WE CAN ARRANGE FOR HIM. IMPORTANT, BOTH FROM THE STANDPOINT OF BI-LATERAL RELATIONS AND FOR FUTURE SUCCESS OF OUR I.L.O. OBJECTIVES, THAT HE MAKE THE TRIP.

AMBASSADOR HODGSON.

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